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1. BEGIN QUOTE

SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM,
UNITED NATIONS

AS THE MULTINATIONAL CREW OF THE EXPERIMENTAL REED SHIP TIGRIS
BRING THE TEST VOYAGE OF ITS CONCLUSION TODAY WE ARE GRATEFUL TO
THE SECRETARY GENERAL FOR THE PERMISSION TO SAIL UNDER UNITED NATIONS

FLAG AND WE ARE PROUD TO REPORT THAT THE DOUBLE OBJECTIVES OF THE
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EXPEDITON HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED TO OUR COMPLETE SATISFACTION.
OURS HAS BEEN A VOYAGE INTO THE PAST TO STUDY THE QUALITIES OF A
PREHISTORIC TYPE OF VESSEL BUILT AFTER ANCIET SUMERIAN PRINCIPLES,
BUT IT HAS ALSO BEEN A VOYAGE INTO THE FUTURE TO DEPONSTRATE THAT NO
SPACE IS TOO RESTRICTED FOR PEACEFUL COEXISTANCE OF MEN WHO WORK FOR
COMMON SURVIVAL. WE ARE ELEVEN MEN FROM COUNTRIES GGOVERNED BY
DIFFERENT POLITICAL SYSTEMS, AND WE HAVE SAILED TOGETHER ON A

SMALL RAFT-SHIP OF TENDER REEDS AND ROPE A DISTANCE OF OVER SIX THOUSAND KILOMETERS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ BY WAY OF THE EMIRATE OF BAHRAIN, THE SULTANATE OF OMAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN TO THE RECENTLY BORN AFRICAN NATION OF DJIBOUTI. WE ARE ABLE TO REPORT THAT IN SPITE OF DIFFERENT POLITICAL VIEW WE HAVE LIVED AND STRUGGLED TOGETHER IN PERFECT UNDERSTANDING AND FRIENDSHIP SHOULDER TO SHOULDER IN CRAMPED QUARTERS DURING CALMS AND STORMS ALWAYS ACCORDING TO THE IDEAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS: COOPERATION FOR JOINT SURVIVAL.

WHEN WE EMBARKED LAST NOVEMBER ON OUR REED SHIP TIGRIS WE KNEW WE WOULD SINK OR SURVIVE TOGETHER, AND THIS KNOWLEDGE UNITED US IN FRIENDSHIP. WHEN WE NOW IN APRIL DISPERSE TO OUR RESPECTIVE HOME LANDS WE SINCERELY RESPECT AND FEEL SYMPATHY FOR EACH OTHERS NATIONS

AND OUR JOINT MESSAGE IS NOT DIRECTED TO ANY ONE COUNTRY BUT TO MODERN MAN EVERYWHERE. WE HAVE SHOWN THAT THE ANCIENT PEOPLE IN MESOPOTAMIA

THE INDUS VALLEY AND EGYPT COULD HAVE BUILT MANK'S EARLIEST CIVILIZATIONS THROUGH THE BENEFIT OF MUTUAL CONTACT WITH THE PRIMITIVE VESSELS AT THEIR DISPOSAL FIVE THOUSAND YEARS AGO. CULTURE AROSE THROUGH INTELLIGENT AND PROFITABLE EXCHANGE OF THOUGHTS AND PRODUCTS. TODAY WE BURN OUR PROUD SHIP WITH SAIL UP AND RIG AND VESSEL IN PERFECT SHAPE TO PROTEST AGAINST THE INHUMAN ELEMENTS IN THE WORLD OF 1978 TO WHICH WE HAVE COME BACK AS WE REACH LAND FROM THE OPEN SEA. WE ARE FORCED TO STOP AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE RED SEA. SURROUNDED BY MILITARY AIRPLANES AND WARSHIPS FROM THE UNCLASSIFIED

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WORLD'S MOST CIVILIZED AND DEVELOPED NATIONS WE DENIED ARE DENIED PERMISSION BY FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS FOR SECURITY REASONS TO LAND ANYWHERE BUT IN THE TINY AND STILL NEUTRAL REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI BECAUSE ELSEWHERE AROUND US BROTHERS AND NEIGHBOURS ARE DAGAGED IN HOMOCIDES WITH MEANS MADE AVAILABLE TO THEM BY THOSE WHO LEAD HUMANITY ON OUR JOINT ROAD INTO THE THIRD MILLENNIUM.

TO THE INNOCENT MASSES IN ALL INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WE DIRECT OUR APPEAL. WE MUST WAKE UP TO THE INSANE REALITY OF OUR TIME WHICH TO ALL OF US HAS BEEN REDUCED TO MERE UNPLEASANT HEADLINES IN THE NEWS. WE ARE ALL IRRESPONSIBLE UNLESS WE DEMAND FROM THE RESPONSIBLE DECISION MAKERS THAT MODERN ARMAMENTS MUST NO LONGER BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PEOPLE WHOSE FORMER BATTLE AXES AND SWORDS OUR ANCESTORS CONDEMNED. OUR PLANET IS BIGGER THAN THE REED BUNDLES THAT HAVE CARRIED US ACROSS THE SEAS AND YET SMALL ENOUGH TO RUN THE SAME RISKS UNLESS THOSE OF US WHO ARE STILL ALIVE OPEN OUR EYES

AND MINDS TO THE DESPERATE NEED OF INTELLIGENT COLLABORATION TO SAVE OURSELVES AND OUR COMMON CIVILIZATION FROM WHAT WE ARE ABOUT TO CONVERT TO A SINKING SHIP.

THE REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI, 3 APRIL, 1978, (SIGNED) THOR HEYERDAHL, EXPEDITION LEADER, NORWAY

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